

REMARKS

Since the applicants herein have now amended their claims, specification, and drawings to correct the problems of indefiniteness cited by the Examiner and they now believe that their claims disclose their invention in a manner that is not indefinite, and since they believe that they have made no material changes to their patent application herein and only changes to form, and further since they also believe that the amendments made have not added any new matter and are being made solely to place the application in proper form for allowance, they respectfully request that the Examiner now reconsider their amended claims herein and allow them.

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## DRAWING AMENDMENTS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims, and requested the submittal of drawings changes as a part of the present Office Action response. In particular, the Examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to show the ‘taller end’ (now #50 in Figs. 1, and 17), an ‘opposed tapered end’ (now #40 in Figs. 1, 15, and 21), ‘manufactured valley truss component combination’ (this term is not being added to the drawings as it was not found in the currently pending claims - instead, it is thought to be a part of claim 1 that was removed by the Office Action response filed in April 2004), ‘structural wood members’ (this term is not being added to the drawings as it was not found in the currently pending claims and is believed to have been removed from claim 1 by the Office Action response filed in April 2004), ‘manufactured wood roof truss systems’ (this term is not being added to the drawings as it was not found in the currently pending claims and is believed to have been removed from claim 1 by the Office Action response filed in April 2004), and ‘opposing sides of the wedge’ (this term is not being added to the drawings as it was not found in the currently pending claims and is believed to have been removed when claim 8 was previously withdrawn.)

Annotated Sheets showing the changes made with hand-written notes and Replacement Sheets are being provided herein, which each showing additional numbers to identify the currently existing features cited by the Examiner as needing clarification, to include ‘opposing sides’ of the web member (now 36 and 38 in Fig. 21), ‘lower end’ (now 46 and 48 in Figs. 1 and 21), ‘base member’ (6, as shown in Fig. 1), ‘top surface’ (28, as shown in Fig. 21), ‘roof pitch angle’ (44, as shown in Fig. 20), ‘topmost fastener hole’ (14e, as shown in Fig. 16), ‘bottommost fastener hole’ (14b, as shown in Fig. 16), ‘additional fastener hole’ (now wedge hole 14f in Fig.

21), the ‘fastener hole that is closest to the base member’ (now identified as ‘bottommost hole’ 14b), the ‘remaining fastener holes’ (now identified as ‘intermediate hole(s)’ 14d), ‘taller end’ (50, as shown in Figs. 1 and 17), and the ‘bottommost portion of the web member’ (this term is not being added to the drawings as it was not found in the currently pending claims and is believed to have been removed when claim 15 was previously withdrawn.) Seven drawings sheets are currently a part of the instant patent application, and six Replacement and six Annotated sheets are being made a part of this response, with the only drawing sheet not being amended being the one displaying Figs. 10-12. The additional numbering used in the drawings is now also being added through amendment to the specification herein. The applicants now believe that all of the features of the invention in the claims are shown in the drawings. Therefore, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw her rejection of the drawings.

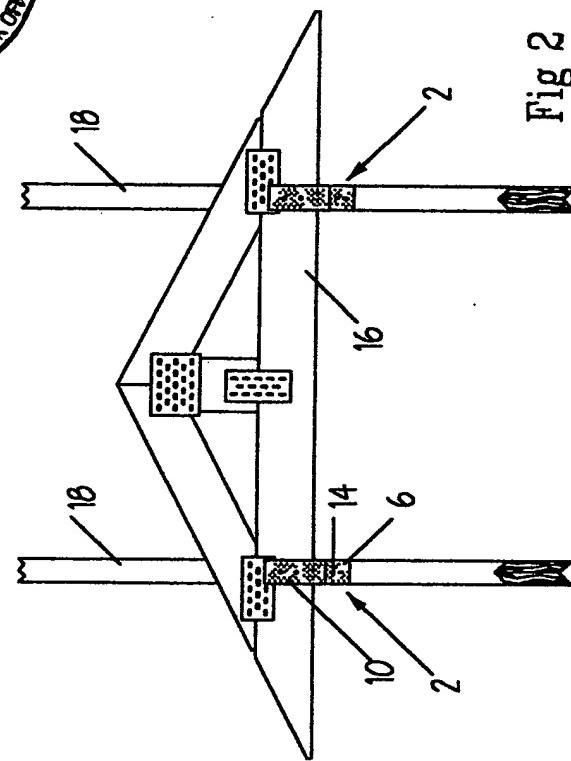


Fig 2

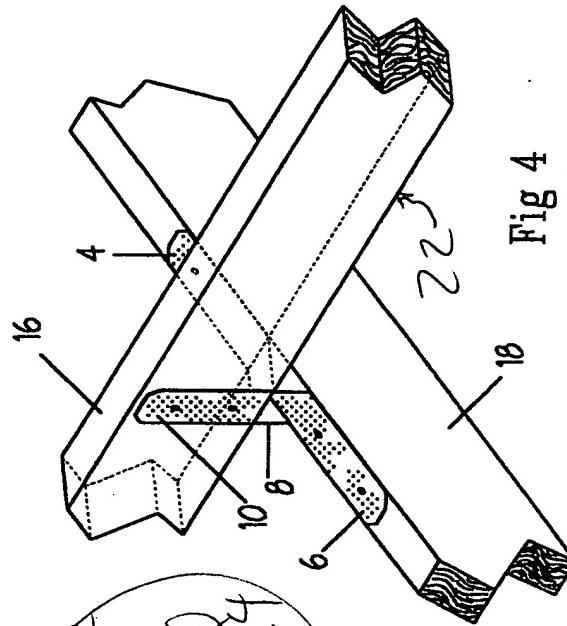


Fig 4

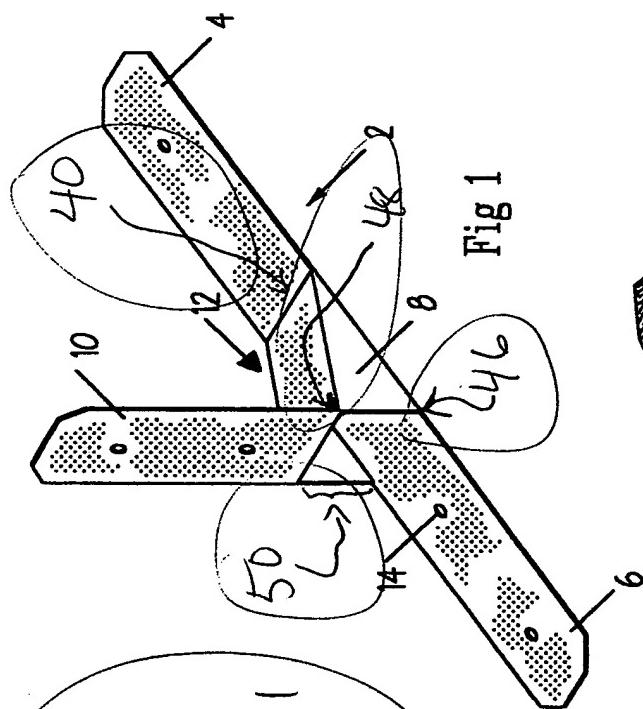


Fig 1

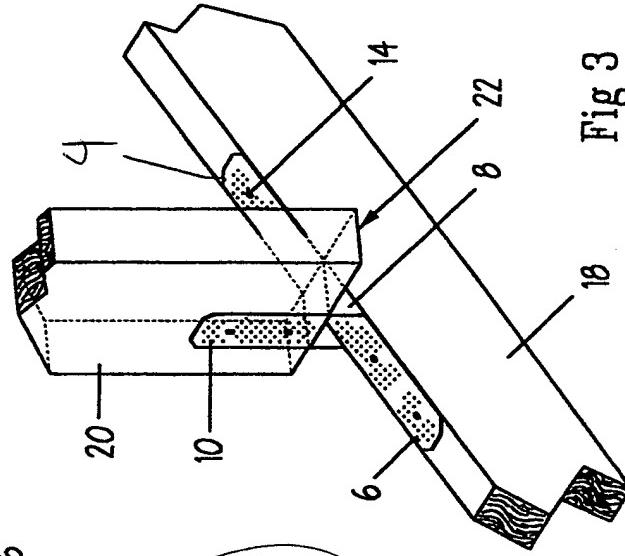


Fig 3

#15  
50,401  
46 + 48  
were add.  
1  
add Fig.  
to Fig.

Fig #4  
was add.  
3  
add Fig.  
to Fig.

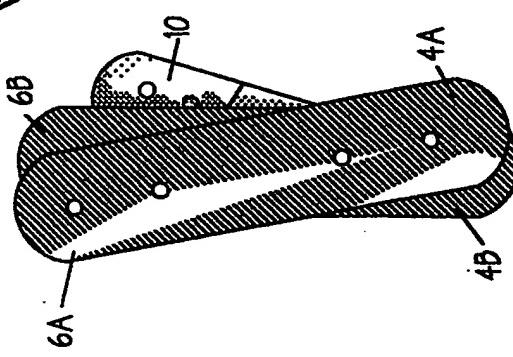


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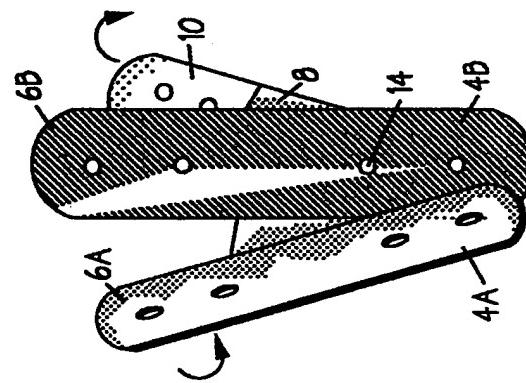


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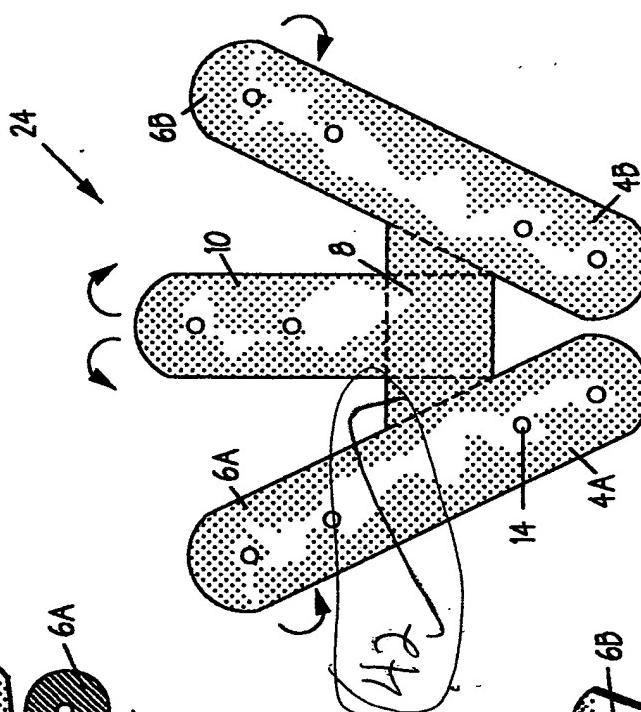


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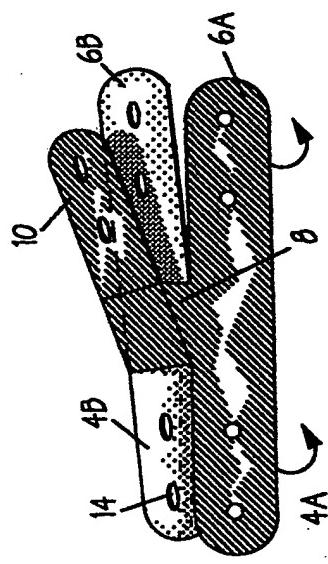


Fig 9

#42 was added to Fig. 5

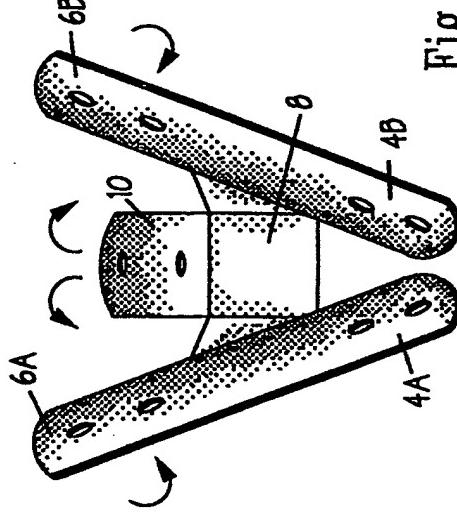


Fig 6



“Annotated Sheet” for - Inventors: Timothy M. Bronson + Brian V. Fiala Application Number: 10/044,108 File Date: 01-11-2002 Group Art Unit: 2912 Examiner: Christy M. Green Title: Valley Truss Uplift Resistance Strap With Wedge and Method of Use

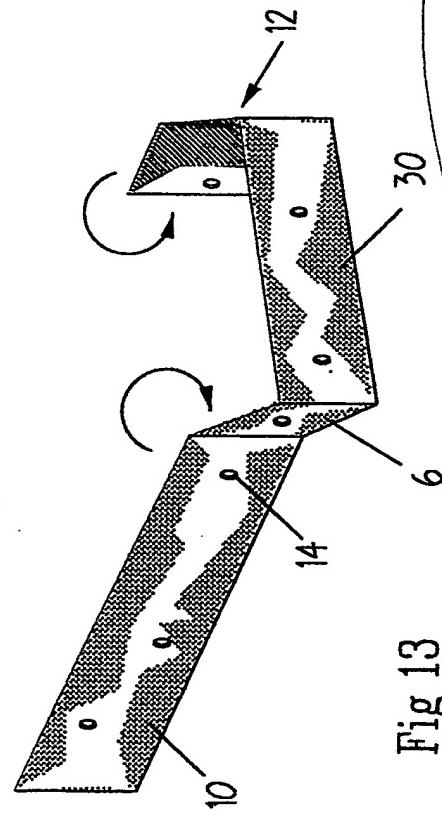


Fig 13

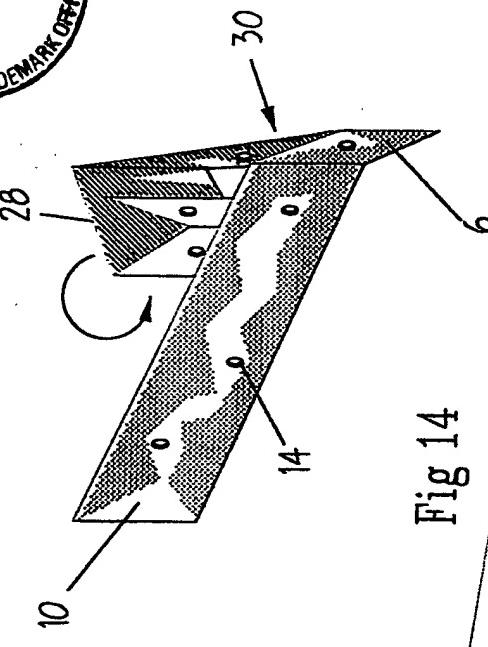


Fig 14

The #1's 40 14e  
#14d were added to Figs 15 + 16

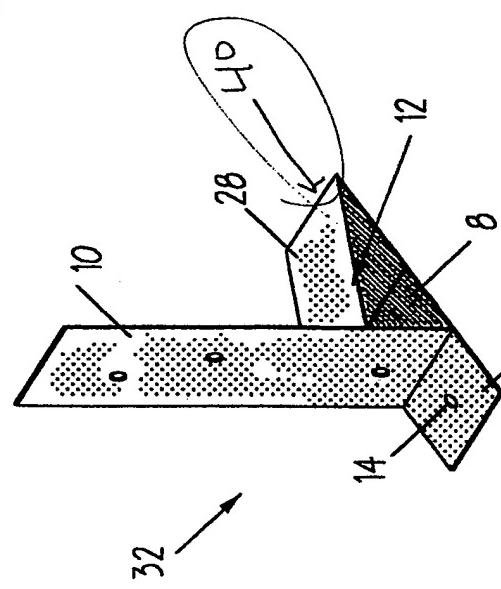


Fig 15

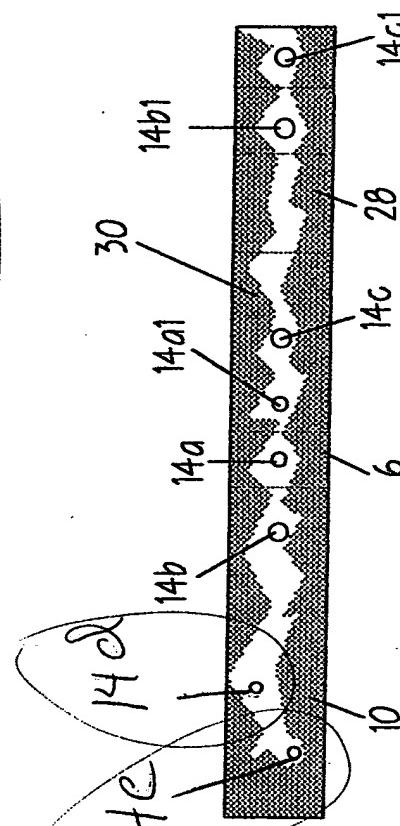


Fig 16

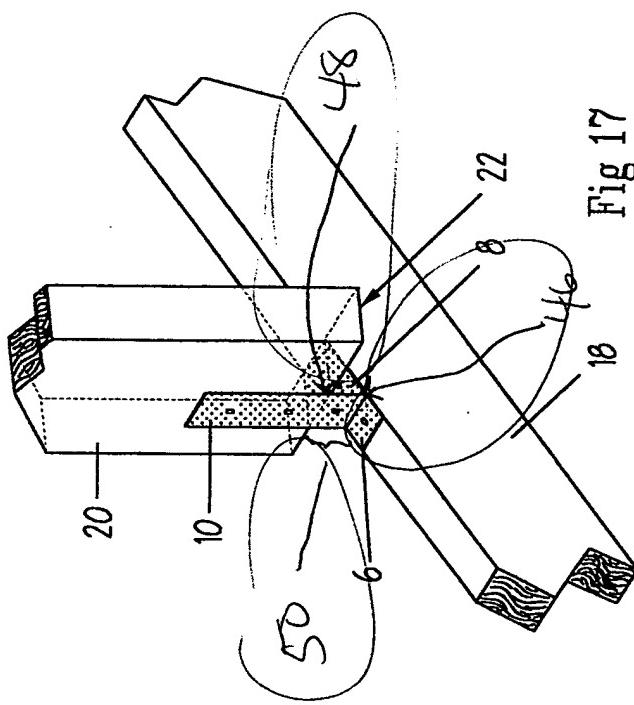


Fig 17

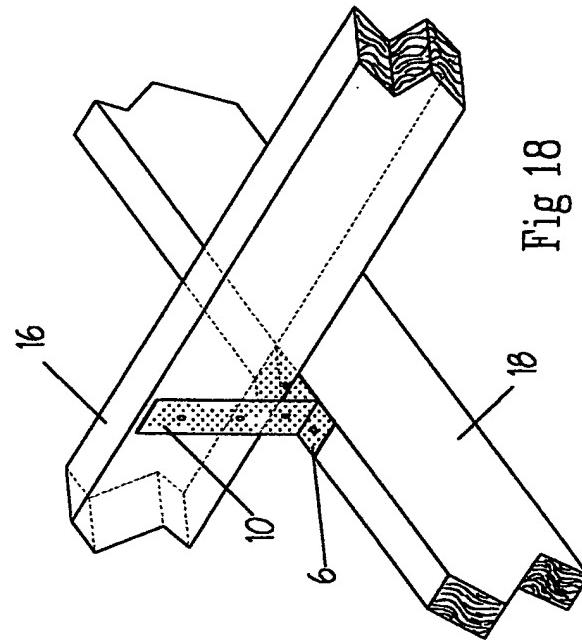


Fig 18

Also the  
#s 50, 48  
+ 46 were  
added  
to Fig 17

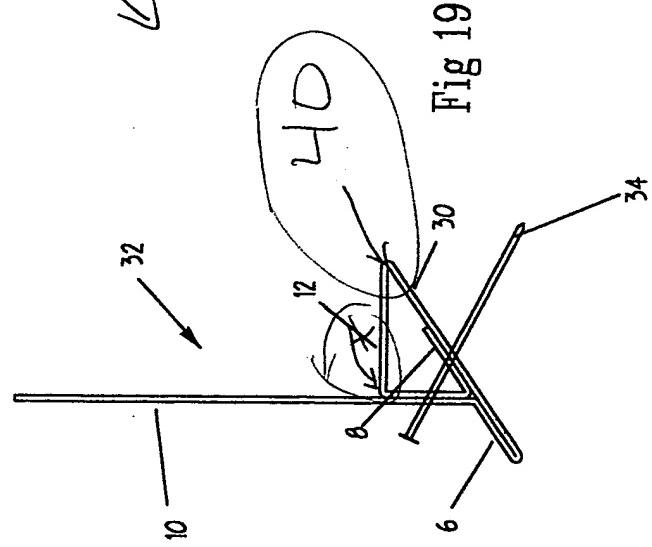
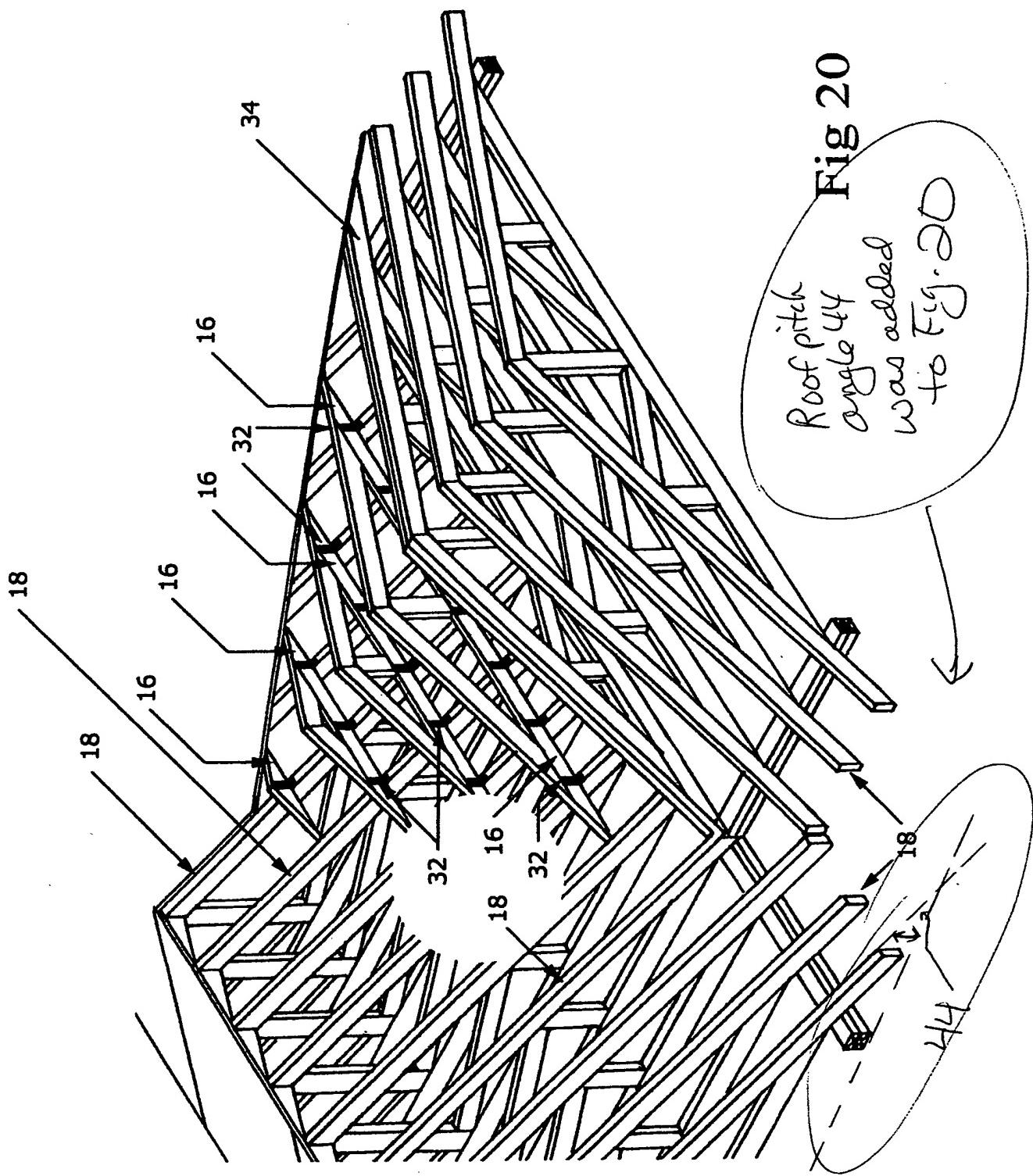


Fig 19

The arrows  
extended  
was rearranged  
for accuracy  
+ the # 40  
was added  
to Fig 19



Annotated



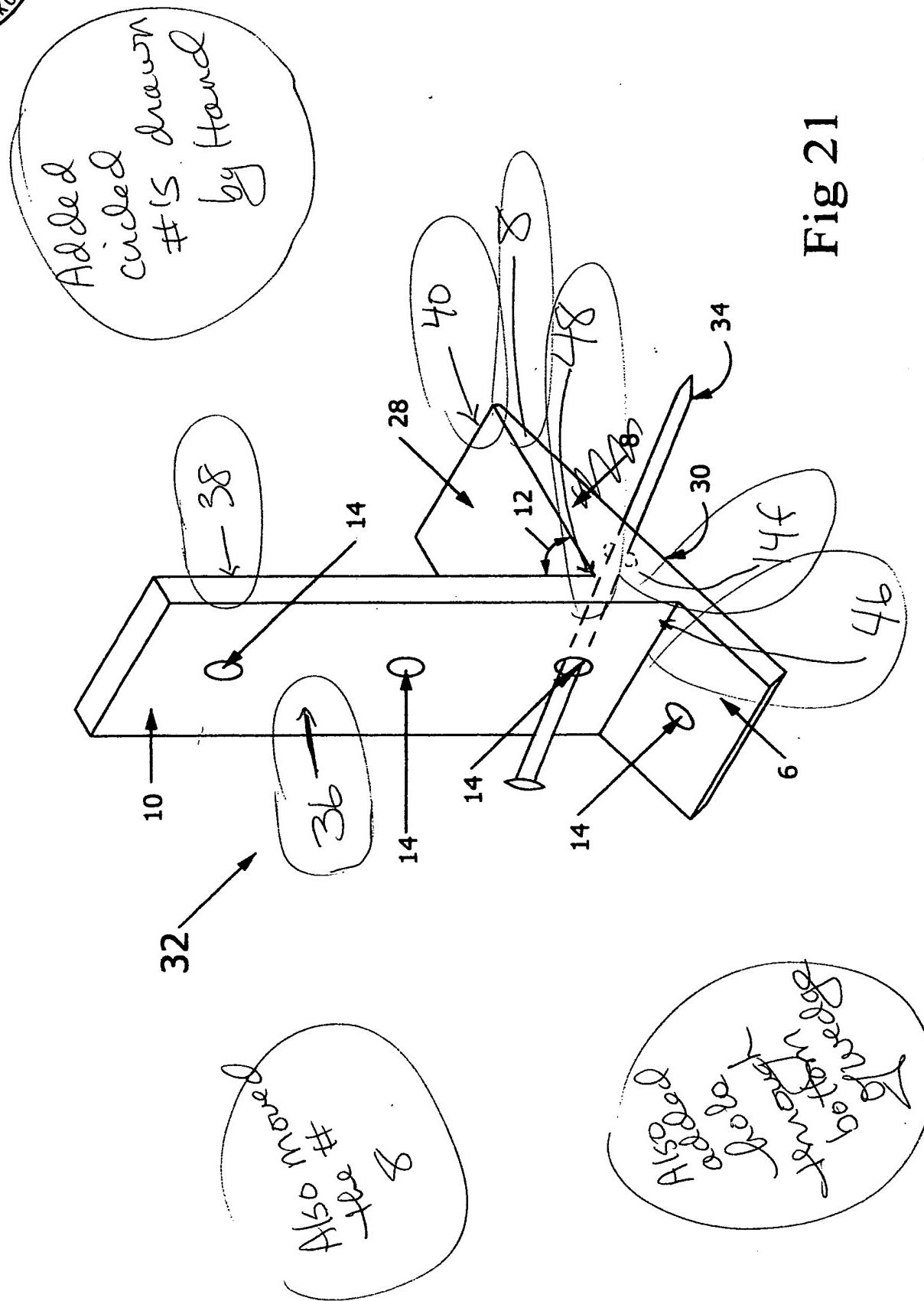


Fig 21